

V. REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the above amendments be entered prior to examination of this application on the merits.

1. Status of the Claims

Applicant has canceled Claims 1-71 without prejudice or disclaimer. Upon entry of the above amendments, newly added Claims 72-79 will be pending for examination on the merits.

2. Summary of the Amendments

The specification has been amended to change the title and abstract of the application to correspond to the presently claimed subject matter. Additionally, Applicant has amended the specification on page 1, lines 4-8 to recite that this application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 10/092,088, filed March 6, 2002.

Applicant has also amended the specification to correct an obvious and inadvertent typographical error, i.e., an extra oxygen atom has been deleted from the anomeric carbon atom of the disaccharide structure on pages 11 and 16 since this oxygen atom is already present in the parent structure (see formula I or II).

New Claims 72-79 have been added. Support for Claims 72-78 is found, for example, on page 86, in Scheme D; page 87, in Scheme E; and page 88, in Scheme F, where the compound of Claim 72 is shown as "an aldehyde of formula **24**." A and B are defined on page 81, line 04 and page 86, line 01, respectively; wherein the variables of A and B are further defined on page 5, line 16 and lines 18-19. Support for Claim 79 is found, for example, on page 106, line 05 to page 107, line 14.

Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

3. Amendment of Inventorship Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b)

Applicant is submitting herewith, by separate paper, a request to amend the inventorship of this application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b). Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

4. Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant is submitting herewith, by separate paper, an Information Disclosure Statement for this application. Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement and the documents cited therein is respectfully requested.

Early examination of this application on the merits is respectfully requested. Should there be any questions concerning this preliminary amendment, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned agent at (650) 808-6144.

Respectfully submitted,

THERAVANCE, INC.

Date: April 15, 2004

By: Joyce Cohen
Joyce Cohen, Reg. No. 44,622

THERAVANCE, INC.
901 Gateway Blvd.
South San Francisco, CA 94080
Telephone: (650) 808-6000
Fax: (650) 808-6078